

jumpstart Invitation to Minneapolis Saint Paul JumpStart Community Gathering

Wednesday, January 19 or Thursday, January 20, 2011

It's no secret that the future of Minneapolis Saint Paul is closely tied to the health of innovative new businesses. Entrepreneurs take risks, start new ventures, hire employees, and build wealth - all for our region. But how can our region better support entrepreneurs? What can we do to provide an environment that helps propel entrepreneurial activity to the next level?

In cooperation with many local businesses and economic development organizations in the region, JumpStart Community Advisors, with funding from the Economic Development Administration, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and the Surdna Foundation, will develop and implement a business plan to enhance the entrepreneurial network in Minneapolis Saint Paul - more new businesses, more support for new and existing businesses, and more capital.

We are holding two group discussions to bring together people interested in entrepreneurship and starting or funding new businesses to determine how best to enhance our entrepreneurial environment. Your input will be incorporated into the business planning process.

Jon Commers of Donjek is serving as the JumpStart Regional Representative.

Topics up for discussion:

- The key factors enabling entrepreneurship in the region and what more is needed.
- The unique nature of entrepreneurs in this region, and their expectations.
- The characteristics of investors in this region, and their expectations.
- Actions to be taken to increase entrepreneurship and early-stage investing.

Please register for one of these group discussions via the links below. Seats are limited, so sign up now!

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

6-8pm

Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway North, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Follow this link to register for the 6pm group discussion:

http://www.jumpstartinc.org/Resources/Events/Details.html?EventID=809

Thursday, January 20, 2011

6-8pm

Venue information will be coming soon for the Thursday session – registrants will be sent venue information as soon as it is confirmed.

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